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PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING SECTION 102 (2) (C)
OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

1. PURPOSE. This Headquarters Notice prescribes procedures for implementing Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190), hereinafter referred to as the Act.

2. BACKGROUND. Section 102 (2) (B) of the Act directs all Federal agencies to identify and develop methods and procedures which will insure that the environmental amenities and values are given appropriate consideration in decisionmaking, along with economic and technical considerations, and to prepare a detailed statement on major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Executive Order 11514 of March 5, 1970, "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," reinforces the purpose and policy of this Act, and "Interim Guidelines," implementing its provisions, have been issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

3. APPLICATION.

a. The Agency recognizes its responsibility as set forth in the Act; and environmental statements shall be provided when it is concluded that an Agency action will have a significant impact on the environment. The sensitive nature of certain Agency-sponsored activities, however, may preclude direct submission of a statement by the Agency. In such cases, other appropriate steps will be taken by the Agency to insure compliance with the Act.

b. It shall be the policy of the Agency, in the development of environment statements, to utilize to the greatest extent possible approaches being used by other Federal agencies with similar problems, and to similarly rely upon the CEQ for continuing advice and guidance. In order to achieve this goal, a continuing liaison will be established with the CEQ and other Federal agencies as appropriate.

4. RESPONSIBILITY. The Director of Logistics, who has been designated the responsible official referred to in Section 102 (2) (C) of the Act, shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of environmental impact statements. To assist in fulfilling this responsibility, Agency components are requested to consult with the Director of Logistics at an early date on any projects which may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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